

What's Happening at Douthat State Park?

(June 11 - August 31, 2007)

Monday



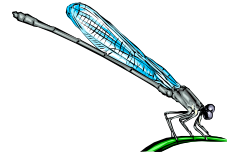
11 AM – Beaver Kapers: All of our “Kapers” programs are designed to expose youth to the wonderful world of nature in a creative way. Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **beavers** before you are done.

1 PM – Insect Inspect: Insects are the most diverse group of animals on the planet with over a million described species. Meet at the Discovery Center to go in search of a closer look at some park bugs.

3 PM – Fungus Among Us: Join us at the Discovery Center as we head out in search of some of the mushrooms and other fungi that can be found in the park and discuss the very important roles they play in the ecosystem.

7 PM – Going In-Seine: Come to the Discovery Center prepared to get wet. It's a critter crawl! We will be searching in the creek to identify some of Douthat's aquatic insects and other creek critters.

9 PM – Night Hike: Meet at the Discovery Center to learn about Douthat's forest nightlife. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$3



Tuesday



11 AM – Bear Kapers: Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **bears** before you are done.

1 PM – Nature Journaling: This hike from the Discovery Center will give you the opportunity to create your own nature journal. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$5

3 PM – Paper Making: Meet at the Discovery Center to turn trash into treasure. We will use junk mail to create a work of art or greeting card that you can even plant and have flowers grow.

7 PM – The Tree Army: Join us at the Discovery Center for a short hike to see some of the history created by the Civilian Conservation Corps as they built Douthat.

8 PM – Salamander Meander: Twilight is the perfect time to search for salamanders. Bring a headlamp or flashlight to the Discovery Center and come hunt for these elusive amphibians.



Wednesday



11 AM – Owl Kapers: Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **owls** before you are done.

1 PM – Owl Pellet Adventure: Did you know owls don't chew their food? Meet at the Discovery Center to learn how owls eat. Dissect your own owl pellet and see exactly what was for dinner. \$3

3 PM – Nest in Peace: Join us at the Discovery Center to make a house and attract feathered friends to your backyard. Here is your chance to build a nest box for some elusive creatures of the night, screech owls. \$20

7 PM – Magic of Douthat: Venture over to the amphitheater to meet Bobby Nuckels and his special pal Goober as they provide an evening of fun filled with magic and comedy.

9 PM – Owl Prowl: Come to the Discovery Center as we call in some owls for your listening and possible viewing pleasure. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$3



Thursday



11 AM - Butterfly Kapers: Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **butterflies** before you are done.

1 PM – Butterfly Bungalows: Do you want to attract flying flowers to your garden or yard? Come to the Discovery Center to learn about Virginia's state insect and make a butterfly house. \$16

3 PM - Crawdad Crawl: Is that a lobster in that mountain stream? No, it is a crayfish, the small freshwater crustacean closely related to lobsters. Meet at the Discovery Center to wade in the creek and observe some crawdads in their natural habitat.

7 PM – A Stroll in Nature: Meet at the Discovery Center and take a stroll up one of our trails to see what might be in bloom and learn a little about the natural history of Doughat.

9 PM – Stories of the Stars: Venture over to the beach house and discover the locations of some planets, moons, stars and constellations and let us share some of their many stories with you.



Friday



11 AM – Snake Kapers: Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **snakes** before you are done.

1 PM – Who Made Those Tracks?: Join us at the Discovery Center to identify wildlife tracks. If you want, you can even make a plaster cast of a critter's track to take home for only \$2 per track.

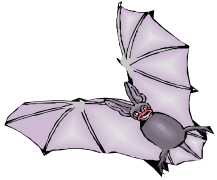
3 PM – The Scoop on Poop: Do you know what scat is? It's animal poop! Join us at the Discovery Center to learn how you can identify the wildlife that frequents your yard just by looking at what was left behind. Then check out our scat replicas.

7 PM – Campfire Cookery: Whip up a tasty treat over the flame at the Discovery Center Campfire Ring and enjoy it in a **free souvenir mug**. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$5

9 PM – Moonlight Canoe Tour: Stop by the boat dock for a lovely evening of paddling under the stars. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$5



Saturday



11 AM – Bat Kapers: Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **bats** before you are done.

1 PM – Roost in Peace: A single brown bat will eat at least 1/3 of its weight in insects each half hour. Come to the Discovery Center to make a house to encourage these creatures to eat in your yard. \$12

3 PM – Ask a Ranger: Stop by the beach to see some cool critters, hold some interesting artifacts and have all of your nature and history questions about Doughat answered.

4 PM – Frontier Hides: Come to the beach and learn some traditional processes for hide tanning and then you can test your skill and identify some of our hides. Where else will you get the chance to pet a coyote?

7 PM – Saturday Evening Showcase: Every Saturday evening, we showcase special talent at the amphitheater. See the special flier to find out who or what this week's special treat will be!



Sunday



11 AM – Frog Kapers: Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **frogs** before you are done.

1 PM – Toad Abodes: Did you know that all toads are frogs but not all frogs are toads? Come to the Discovery Center to create a house to attract these insect eaters to your yard. \$6

3 PM – Colonial Kids: Can you imagine not having a TV or computer? What would you do for fun? Come to the beach to have fun playing the games early settlers played.

7 PM – Junior Ranger Meeting: Calling all kids between 4-12. Swing by the amphitheater to find out how you can become an official Doughat State Park Junior Ranger.

8 PM – Campfire: Want to get to know Doughat and your fellow campers a little better? Join us at the amphitheater for S'mores, stories, songs and lots of fun.



To get to the Discovery Center turn onto the gravel road towards Camp Carson Shelter, cross the low water bridge and park in the parking area. The Discovery Center is the shelter on the left. For more information on Doughat's programs, email doughatinterpreter@dcv.virginia.gov or call (540) 862-8100.